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1. JORDANIAN PRESS JUNE 12 CONTINUES TO GIVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO THE ISRAELI RAID ON IRAQ AND ITS AFTERMATH. ALL PAPERS GIVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO REPORTS ON THE ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN BAGHDAD. ARABIC DAILY AR-RA'I COMMENTS THAT WASHINGTON WOULD BE DECEIVED IF IT BELIEVED THAT DELAYING THE DELIVERY OF 4 FIGHTER PLANES TO ISRAEL COULD ASSUAGE ARAB RESENTMENT OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE ISRAELI ATTACK ON THE IRAQI REACTOR. THE PAPER GOES TO SAY THAT THE UPCOMING SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING GIVES THE U.S. A LAST CHANCE TO ABANDON ITS BLIND SUPPORT OF ISRAEL. ARABIC DAILY AD-DUSTOUR STATES THAT THE U.S. DECISION TO DELAY THE DELIVERY OF THE 4 F-16'S IS INTENDED TO ABSORB ARAI
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RESENTMENT AND TO PROVIDE A JUSTIFICATION FOR U.S. SUPPORT OF ISRAEL IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL. AD-DUSTOUR HOPES THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL NOT BE DECEIVED BY ISRAELI DECEPTIONS OR AMERICAN APOLOGIA AND WILL INSTEAD INSIST THAT ISRAEL SIGN THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY OR FACE AN ARMS EMBARGO. ZWEIFEL
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